



**RAINHILL
HIGH SCHOOL**

PROSPECTUS

2027 - 2028

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

LEARN • THINK • CONTRIBUTE • CARE





**THE PRINCIPAL AND SENIOR LEADERS HAVE A
STRONG VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SCHOOL
THAT IS INCLUSIVE AND ASPIRATIONAL**

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A **WARM WELCOME** TO RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL



It is with great pride that I welcome you to Rainhill High School and Sixth Form – a school of choice where every pupil belongs, thrives and succeeds.

Rainhill is more than a place of learning; it is a community of aspiration, care and ambition where pupils, parents and staff work together to achieve the very best outcomes. We pride ourselves on being a deeply inclusive school for all pupils and their families. From Year 7 through to Sixth Form, we nurture individual journeys, ensuring that every pupil is kept safe, their well-being is championed and they are supported to find their passion, raise their aspirations and develop the confidence to take their next steps.

Our Character Curriculum and Professional Standards are embedded at every stage, helping pupils develop the knowledge, skills and resilience they need to excel in school and beyond.

Alongside strong academic results, pupils enjoy rich experiences that prepare them for life – from outdoor education and international trips, to creative arts showcases, sporting excellence and leadership opportunities.

Our pupils leave us ready to thrive in any environment, confident in who they are, proud of their achievements and equipped with the values of Learn, Think, Contribute, Care. I warmly invite you to visit our school and experience the pride of Rainhill in action.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Thorogood".

Josie Thorogood
Principal





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PUPIL AND PARENT VOICES

“The Hub has given me the confidence to learn in my own way. I feel supported and proud to be part of Rainhill.”

Year 8 Pupil

“Drama and Music have opened doors for me I never imagined. I performed at the Liverpool Playhouse and it made me believe anything is possible.”

Year 10 Pupil

“Teachers care so much about every child. The communication from the school makes me feel part of my daughter’s journey every day.”

Parent

“Rainhill Sixth Form gave me the skills and belief to secure my place at Cambridge. The support has been outstanding.”

Year 13 Leaver

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OUR AIMS

We aim to ensure every pupil achieves highly and leaves Rainhill as a confident, compassionate individual with the skills, qualifications and character to succeed.

We commit to:

- Being a highly inclusive school for all pupils and their families, where early and accurate assessment of pupils' needs ensures everyone receives the bespoke support required to thrive.
- Embedding the Character Curriculum and Professional Standards so pupils develop respect, resilience and ambition.
- Fostering the continuous development of character in the main school and sixth form, ensuring pupils grow into civic leaders and well-rounded citizens.
- Delivering excellence in academic outcomes, ensuring every pupil achieves strong qualifications that open doors to further study, apprenticeships and employment.
- Celebrating the achievements of every child – in sport, drama, art, science, leadership and beyond.
- Offering an ambitious, broad, balanced curriculum and personalised pathways, from GCSEs and A Levels to vocational routes.
- Building strong partnerships with parents, carers and primary schools to ensure smooth transition and lasting confidence.
- Prioritising staff development and well-being, ensuring our culture of excellence is sustainable and inspiring.



LEARNING AT RAINHILL



Learning is at the heart of everything we do. We have designed an ambitious curriculum that gives all learners the knowledge and skills they need to excel in school and later life. Seamlessly interwoven with this is our Character Curriculum, which explicitly guides the development of character in our main school and sixth form, building the personal attributes, powerful knowledge, literacy, vocabulary and cultural capital ensuring every pupil can confidently access their learning.

Expert teaching and regular assessment ensures high standards. Our staff skilfully adapt their practice to remove barriers, ensuring that absolutely every child can engage fully and make excellent progress.

- Academic & Character Growth: We foster intellectual curiosity alongside the personal resilience needed to tackle challenging concepts.
- STEM, business and medical pathways prepare pupils for future study and careers.
- Arts and creativity flourish – with award-winning performances in drama, music and photography.
- PE and Sport remain strong, with Town Sports champions, national teams, and elite athletes.
- Outdoor Education and Alternative Provision provide inclusive opportunities, building resilience, confidence and life skills.

TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO RAINHILL



Joining secondary school should feel like a proud, prestigious step. At Rainhill, we work closely with primary schools to make sure every child's journey into Year 7 is inspiring, supportive and exciting.

Our transition programme includes:

- Engagement from Year 5 onwards through events, workshops and visits.
- Dedicated transition days, summer school and parent sessions.
- Clear communication of our Professional Standards and expectations.
- Peer mentors and ambassadors to welcome and guide new pupils.

From the very beginning, children and families feel part of Rainhill's deeply inclusive community and our pursuit of excellence.

EMPOWERED PUPILS

Rainhill pupils are leaders, ambassadors and active citizens. Through our dedicated Character Curriculum, we explicitly nurture the development of character in the main school and sixth form, proactively supporting our pupils' mental and physical health and equipping them with the emotional literacy and confidence to overcome challenges in a safe and harmonious community.



We provide:

- Values in Action: Active promotion of our central pillars: Learn, Think, Contribute, Care.
- Outstanding pastoral support including attendance guidance, safeguarding, counselling, and The ARC inclusion centre to provide targeted, multi-agency support for any child and family who needs it.
- Electronic parent communication ensures our families are true partners in their child's education and character development.
- Recognition of success through house points, assemblies, postcards home, awards evenings and specific celebratory events for creative arts, sports, academic excellence and our Anthony Walker Foundation celebration, which honours diversity, respect and inclusion at the heart of our school.
- A vibrant Student Parliament, where elected representatives apply their leadership character to shape school life and champion causes from mental health to charity.





THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

We set ambitious expectations for behaviour, learning and conduct, creating a calm, orderly, respectful, and supportive environment where bullying, discrimination, and harassment are never tolerated, allowing pupils to focus entirely on their learning.

Staff and pupils are role models, inside and outside the classroom. Our Professional Standards explicitly define what it means to belong at Rainhill – respect, responsibility, pride and excellence.

We place a high priority on excellent attendance and punctuality, working closely in partnership with families to instil positive habits that ensure all pupils fully benefit from the rich education and experiences we offer.



RainhillSixth

"Students in the sixth form can study a wide range of academic and vocational courses."

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Rainhill Sixth Form offers an ambitious, inclusive and personalised pathway to the future. With small classes, excellent teaching and strong support, students thrive academically and personally.

- A choice of A Levels, Applied General and Vocational qualifications.
- Super-Curriculum: work experience, enterprise, university preparation, visiting speakers and enrichment.
- Leadership opportunities: Duke of Edinburgh, national campaigns, charity work.
- Outstanding destinations: Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group universities, Italia Conti, RAF apprenticeships, healthcare careers.

Rainhill Sixth Form is the natural next step in our pursuit of excellence. Liverpool Women's Football Club In partnership with Rainhill Sixth Form, this programme offers a unique blend of academic study and elite football training. Based at the Melwood site, students benefit from world-class facilities while pursuing Level 3 qualifications. Talented players are able to balance their elite sporting commitments with their academic progress, linking elite athletic performance directly with the personal growth and development of character taught at Rainhill.



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ACTION. VISIT US, FOLLOW OUR STORY ONLINE,
AND HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE PUPILS,
PARENTS AND STAFF WHO MAKE RAINHILL A
TRUE SCHOOL OF CHOICE.**



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